

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:229

ANSWERED ON:07.12.2006

COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF UNUTILISED RAILWAY LAND

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the land of the Railways lying unutilized, zone-wise;
- (b) whether the Railways have chalked out any plan for commercial development of its unutilized land;
- (c) if so, the details of the sites identified for the purpose;
- (d) whether bids have been invited in this regard; and
- (e) if so, the outcome thereof and the further action taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.229 BY SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH DEO AND SHRI HARISINH CHAVDA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 7.12.2006 REGARDING COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF UNUTILISED RAILWAY LAND

(a): Zone-wise position of vacant land is as under:

Railway	Vacant land (in Hectare)
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Central	2478
East Coast	1355
East Central	5773
Eastern	1547
North Central	738
North Eastern	5923
Northeast Frontier	2435
Northern	2919
North Western	964
South Central	4248
South East Central	3391
South Eastern	84
Southern	2297
South Western	2871
West Central	488
Western	7383

TOTAL	44894
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(b): Yes, Sir.

(c) to (e): 61 sites having potential were taken up over Indian Railway for property development. So far bids have been finalized for 9 sites involving a total of about Rs. 21 crore. Out of this, Rs. 6.5 crore have already been realized. Studies on 17 sites have been completed where bids are to be invited and in 11 cases, studies are under progress. Bids in remaining 24 cases have been cancelled/dropped due to poor/no response, for want of clear title, encroachment etc.

In order to give greater thrust to the commercial use of Railway land/air space, Railways has decided to set up a separate Authority namely the Rail Land Development Authority, through an amendment to the Railways Act , 1989 to undertake all tasks related to property development on railway land/air-space. The Authority has been constituted with effect from 1st November 2006.